

Animal Farm Mini-Research Project

The characters in the book Animal Farm, by George Orwell, represent different historical figures from the Russian Revolution. Your research project, done over the course of the next 3 days, is to compare a character of your choosing to the historical person that he/she represents. Your choices:

Character from the book:

Napoleon:



Historical figure represented:

Joseph Stalin:



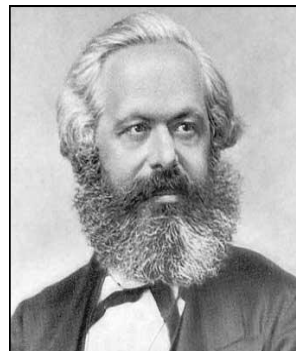
Helpful research links for Napoleon and Stalin:

1. <https://sites.google.com/site/animalfarmmiraekim/comparison-of-napoleon-and-joseph-stalin>
2. <http://animalfarmmichilo103.weebly.com/joseph-stalin.html>
3. <http://marcochananimalfarm.weebly.com/joseph-stalin-vs-napoleon.html>

Old Major:



Karl Marx:



Helpful research links for Marx and Old Major:

1. <http://www.shmoop.com/animal-farm/old-major-pig.html>
2. <http://cherrywu102.weebly.com/animal-farm-and-karl-marx.html>
3. <http://prezi.com/oopkvq6n7ita/karl-marx-vs-old-major/>

The Nine Dogs:



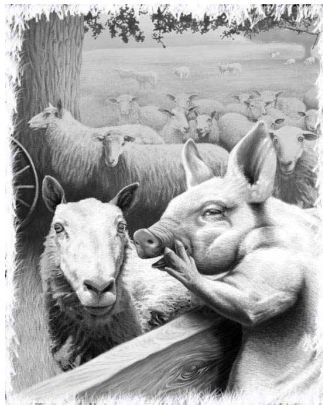
Stalin's Secret Police:



Helpful Research Links:

1. <https://sites.google.com/a/desales.edu/animal-farm/stalin-s-secret-police>
2. <http://www.shmoop.com/animal-farm/the-nine-dogs.html>
3. <http://prezi.com/ybvcwomwzeyn/relating-animal-farm-to-history-kbg-vs-napoleons-dogs/>

Squealer:



The Russian Media (propaganda):



Helpful Research Links:

1. <http://www.shmoop.com/animal-farm/squealer-pig.html>
2. <http://www.bookrags.com/notes/af/top3.html>
3. <http://animalfarmmichilo103.weebly.com/propaganda.html>

Other possibilities to consider (you'll need to find your own 3 research links).

***If you choose from the following list and do all of your own research, you'll qualify for up to 20 bonus points.**

- Snowball / Leon Trotsky
- Mr. Frederick / Adolph Hitler
- Mr. Jones / The last czar of Russia: Nicholas II
- Boxer / The working class of Russia during the Russian Revolution

Steps to ensure your success:

1. Pick a character to research. Which character did you like best in the book?
2. Use the links above to read up on how that character compares to the historical figure that Orwell intended. You should take notes on index cards during this process. On one side, write down the traits of the character from the book. On the other side, write down characteristics of the historical person(s) that is represented. Make sure you're also noting the source that you're using on EVERY card that you create. This will help with your bibliography.
3. Use the following outline to help plan and write your essay:
 - Paragraph 1: Define allegory. Briefly explain how Animal Farm is an allegory of the Russian Revolution and how each main character represented a historical figure from that period of history. Introduce the character from the book that you chose and the person that Orwell intended that character to portray.
 - Paragraph 2-3: Expand on how Orwell intended your character to symbolize the historical figure. Compare the two. What do they have in common? How are their actions the same? How do their personalities compare?
 - Paragraph 4: Conclude your findings. Avoid phrases like 'In conclusion' and "All in all".
4. Create a bibliography page. Use <http://www.easybib.com/> to cite your sources on a separate bibliography page.
5. This is your first formal writing piece for me. It's also the biggest grade of the year so far. Take it seriously, especially on the days that I'm out.

How you'll be graded:

Comments:

	Points Possible	Points Given
Did you follow all of the steps above?	10	
Do you have at least 10 note cards with quality details and sources?	10	
Is your bibliography page complete?	10	
Is your paper free of mistakes? Refer to your notes from class .	15	
Did you paraphrase from your notes? (Absolutely no cutting and pasting from any website)	5	
Total	50	
Bonus	up to 20	